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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the application of:

Gary VAN NEST

Serial No.: 09/802,518

Filing Date: March 9, 2001

For: METHODS OF AMELIORATING
SYMPTOMS OF HERPES INFECTIONS
USING IMMUNOMODULATORY
POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

Examiner: D. Sullivan

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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 24, 2002 (Paper No. 12) in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the Office Action is due on March 24, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein is respectfully requested.